RATTLE...
...!

UGH...

MESS
WHAT TIME IS IT?

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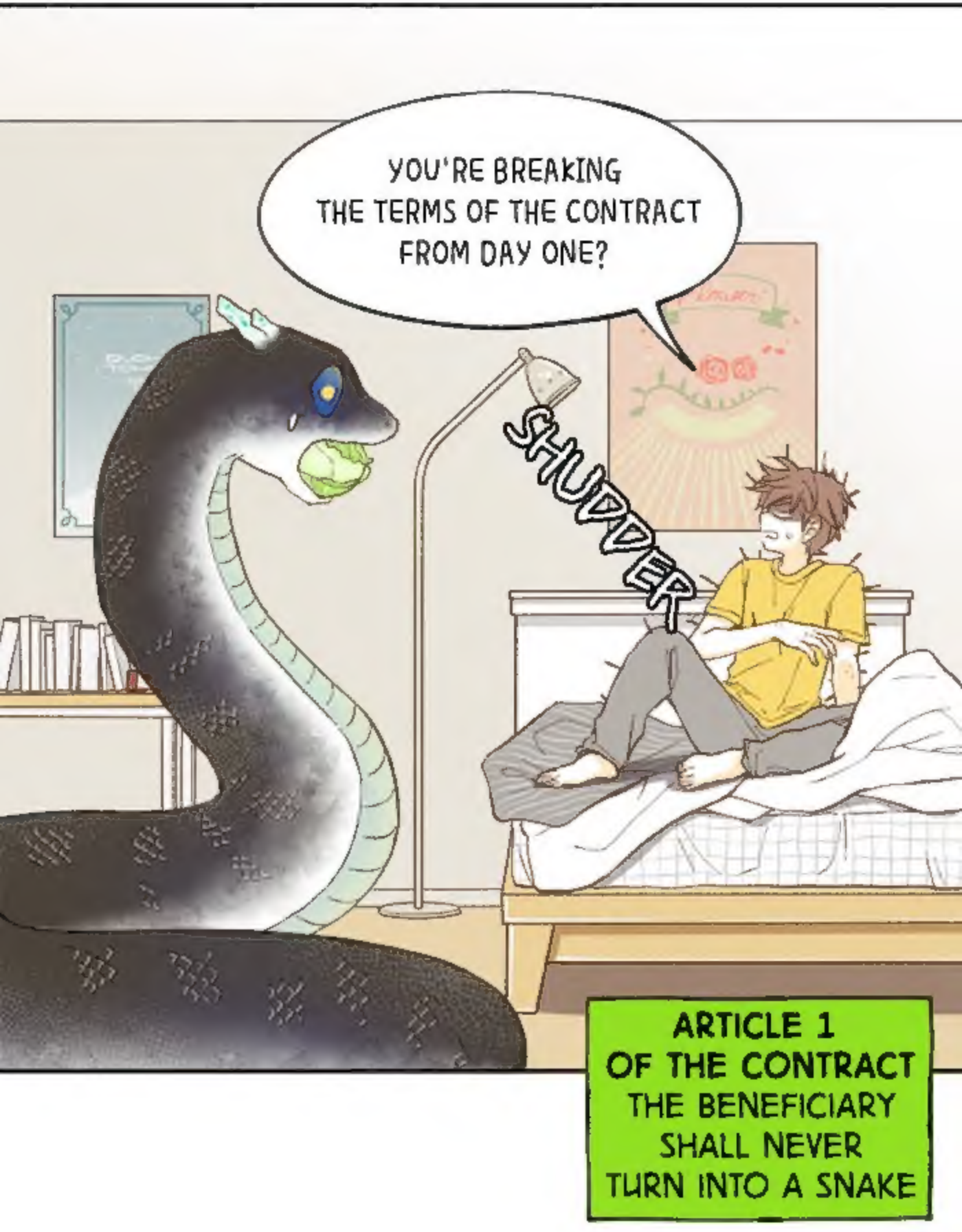
YOU'RE BREAKING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT FROM DAY ONE?
SHUDDER
ARTICLE 1
OF THE CONTRACT
THE BENEFICIARY SHALL NEVER TURN INTO A SNAKE

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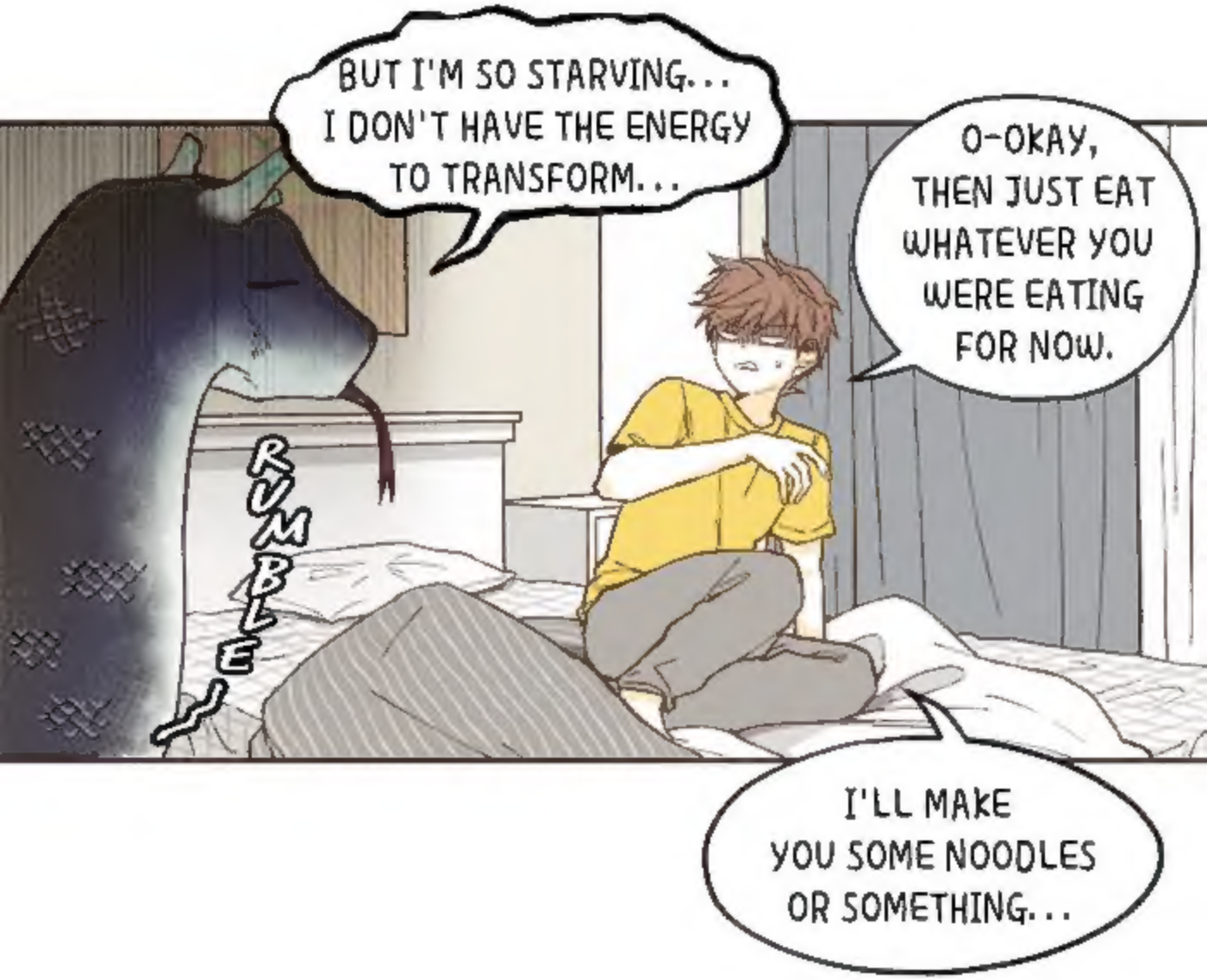
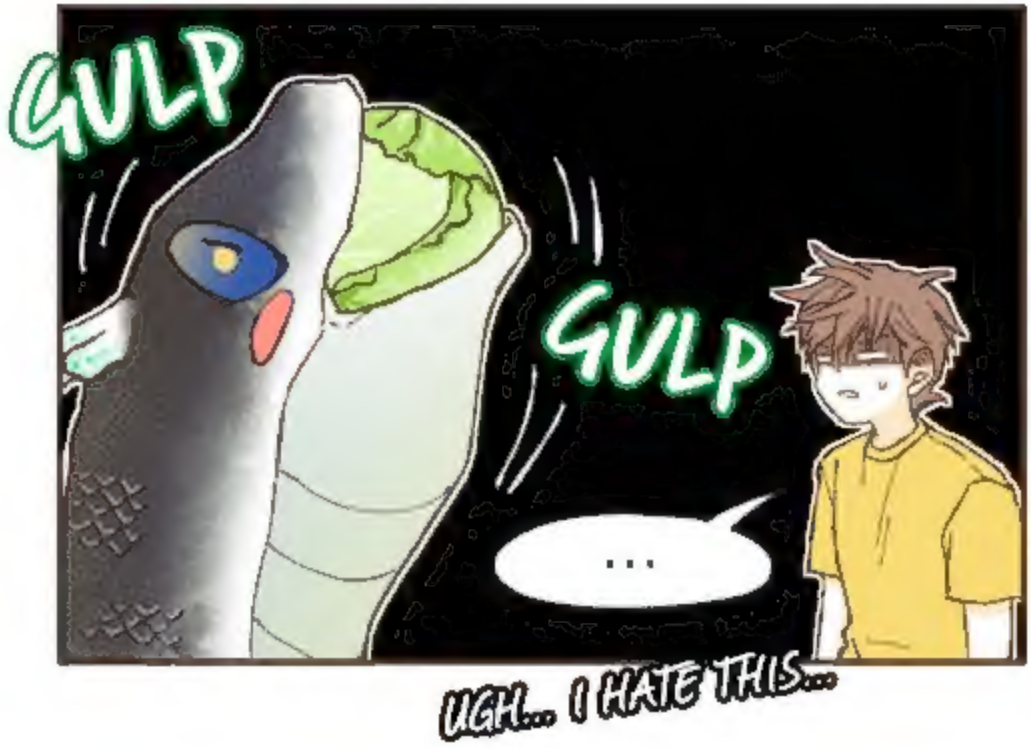
BUR... AH WUR RO RUNRY...
SOB
SOB
DON'T COME CLOSER, JUST SPEAK FROM WHERE YOU ARE!
YOU'RE GIVING ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES
BUT I WAS SO HUNGRY...
PTOOIE
DON'T MESS WITH FOOD LIKE THAT! YOU SHOULD ONLY EAT IN HUMAN FORM!


BUT I'M SO STARVING... I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO TRANSFORM...
RUMBLE
O-OKAY, THEN JUST EAT WHATEVER YOU WERE EATING FOR NOW.
I'LL MAKE YOU SOME NOODLES OR SOMETHING...

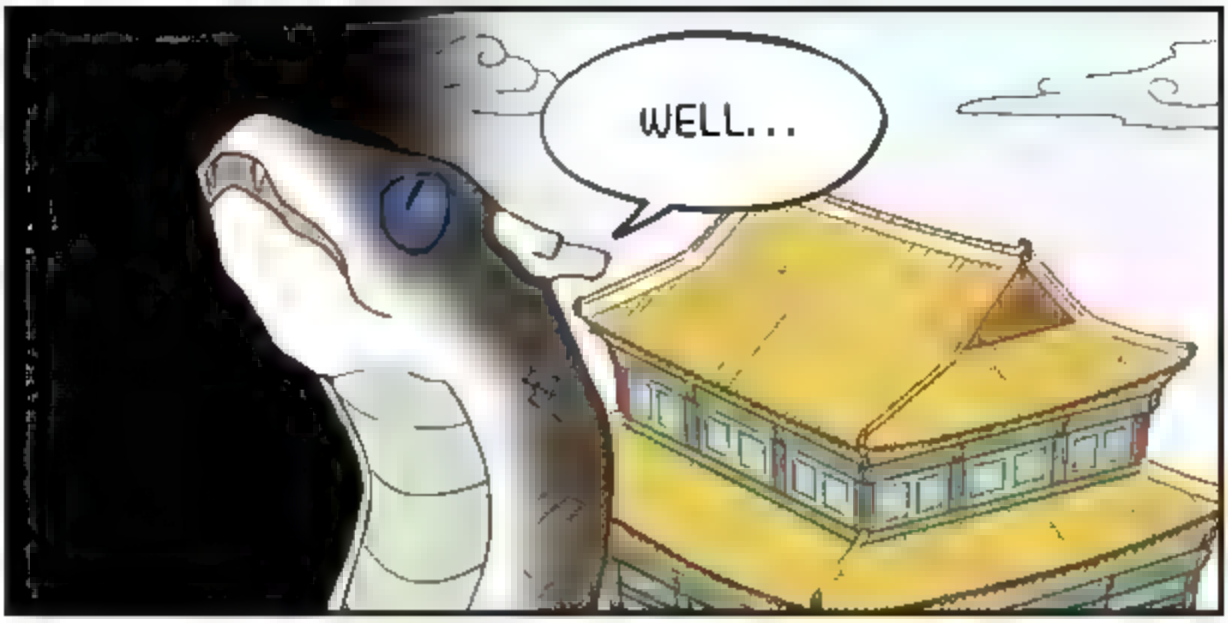
SLIP
SLIDE
NOM

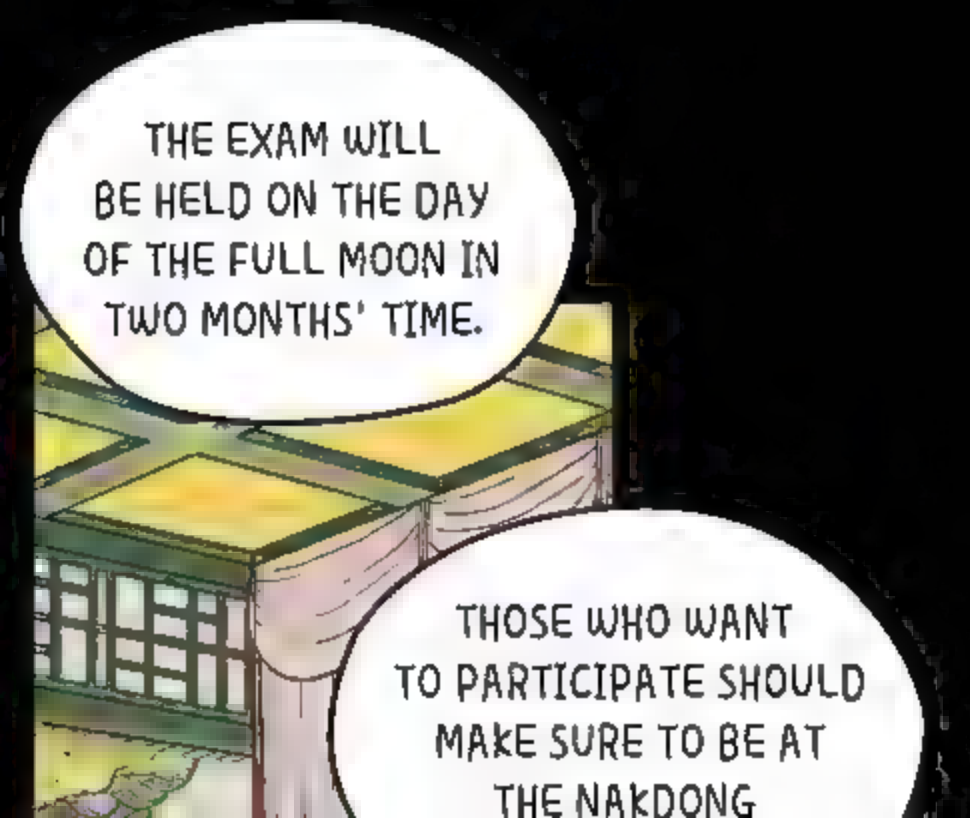

GULP
GULP
...
UGH... I HATE THIS...

LET'S GO OUT
AFTER WE EAT...
...SO WE CAN

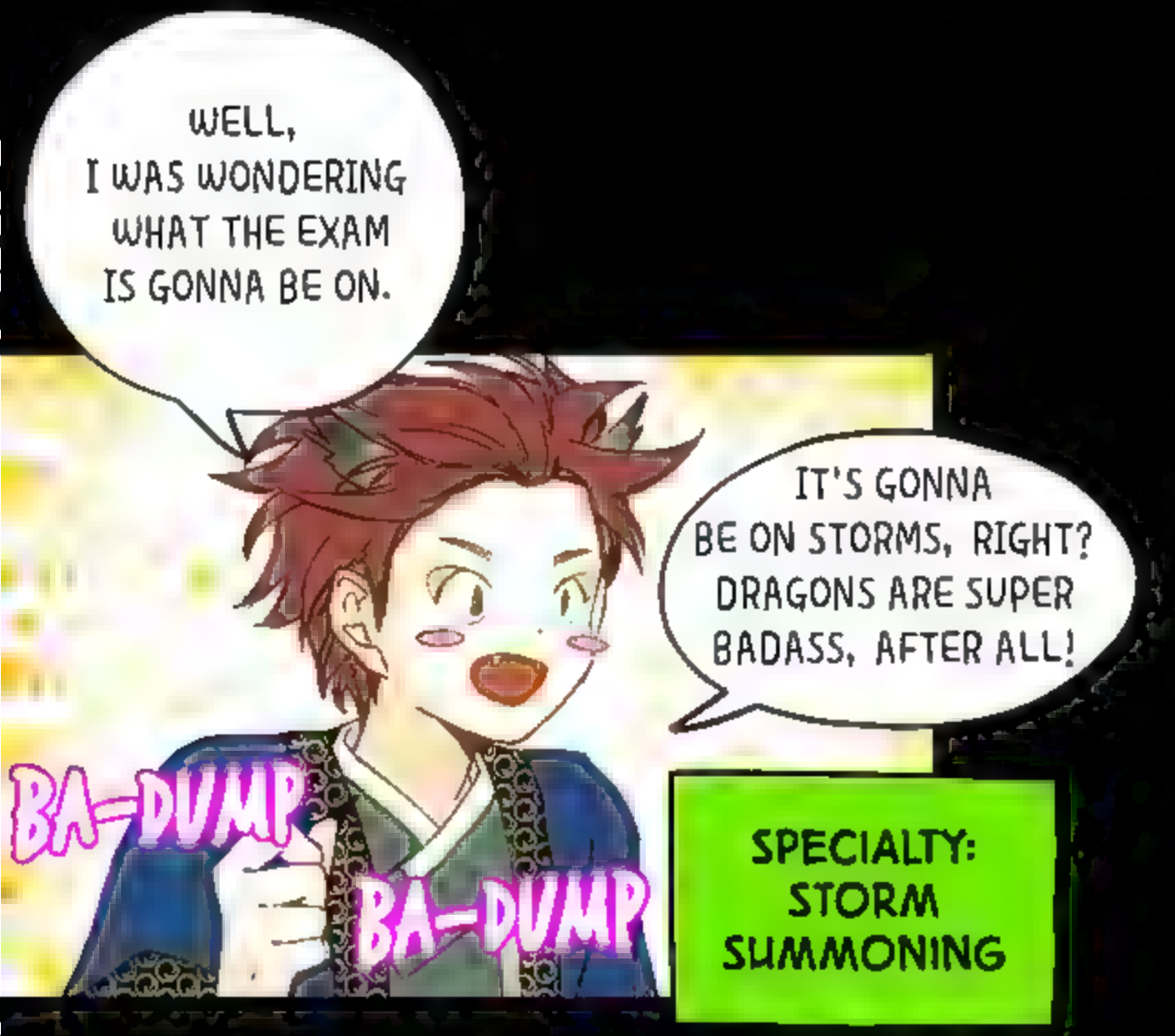
FIND A STUDY GUIDE FOR YOU.

HOLD ON...
...SO WHAT SUBJECT IS THE TEST ON, EXACTLY?
RAMEN

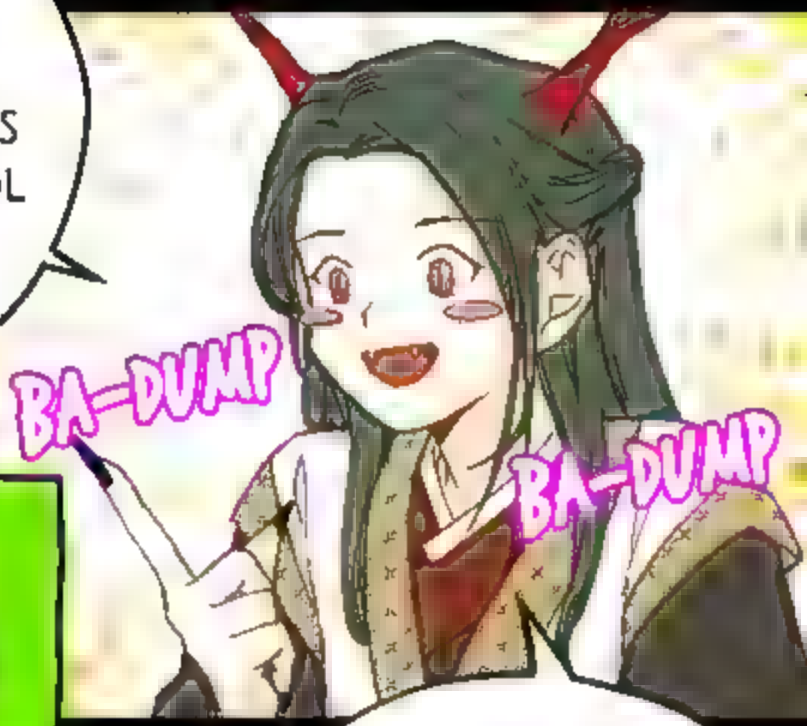

WELL...


THE EXAM WILL BE HELD ON THE DAY OF THE FULL MOON IN TWO MONTHS' TIME.
THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD MAKE SURE TO BE AT THE NAKDONG

RIVER THEN.
CHEONRYONG, I HAVE A QUESTION!
WHAT IS IT?


WELL,
I WAS WONDERING
WHAT THE EXAM
IS GONNA BE ON.
IT'S GONNA
BE ON STORMS, RIGHT?
DRAGONS ARE SUPER
BADASS, AFTER ALL!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
SPECIALTY:
STORM
SUMMONING

STORMS? NAH.
AS WELL AS BEING MASTERS OF RIVERS, DRAGONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL THE ATMOSPHERE AS WELL.



SPECIALTY: CLOUD MANIPULATION

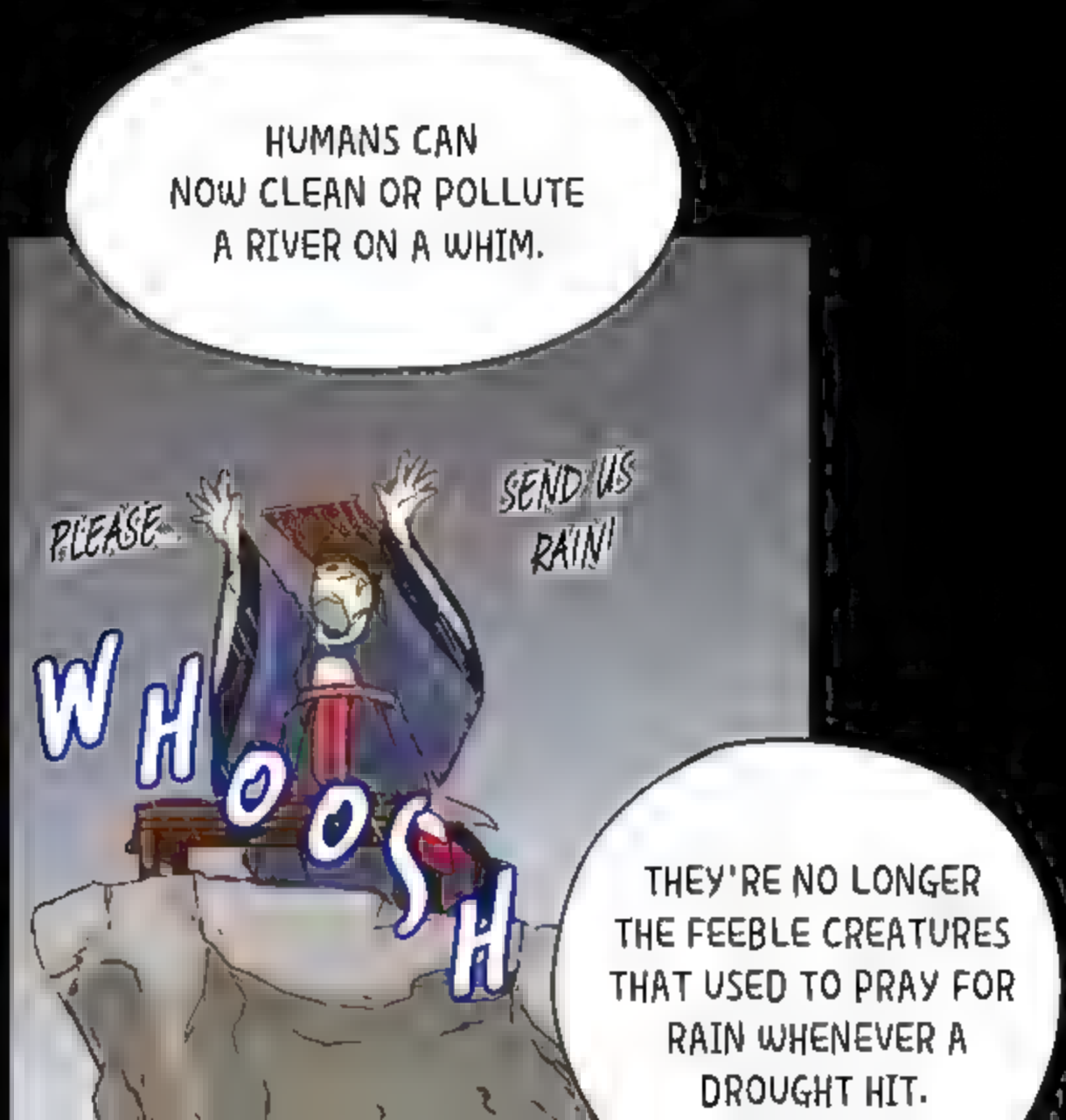
IT SHOULD BE ON CLOUDS, DON'T YOU THINK?

I...

...I DON'T CARE WHAT IT'S GONNA BE ON!

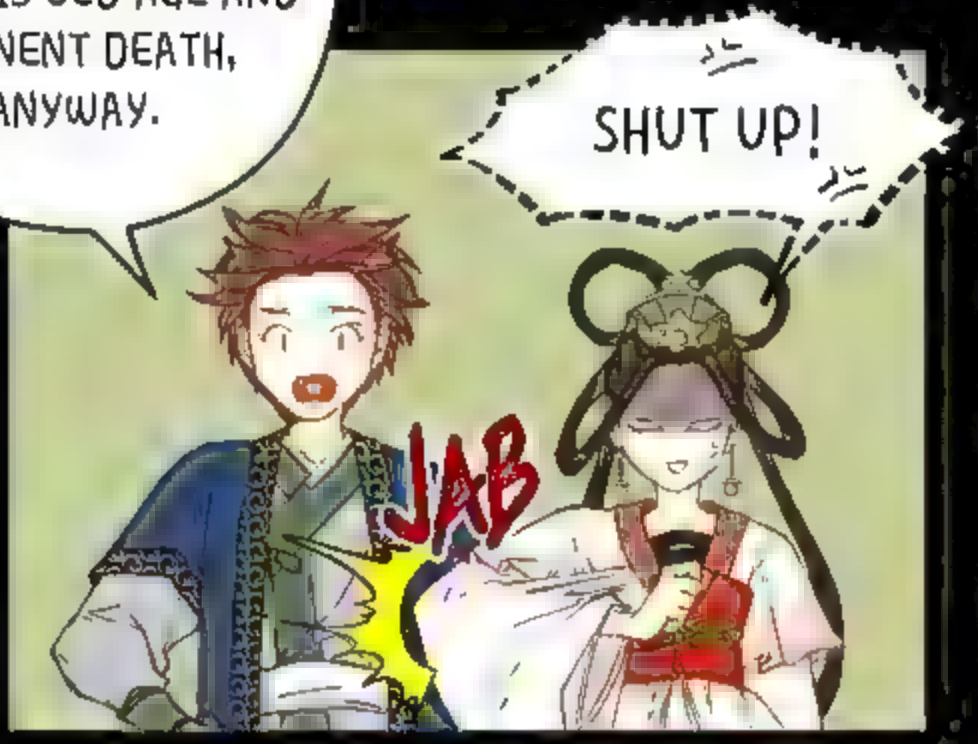
SPECIALTY: NONE
NOTE: FILLED WITH GROUNDLESS CONFIDENCE FOR SOME REASON
...
AS YOU ALL KNOW...

...IT WAS POLLUTION THAT KILLED THE DRAGON OF THE NAKDONG RIVER.
AND POLLUTION IS A MAN-MADE DISASTER.


HUMANS CAN NOW CLEAN OR POLLUTE A RIVER ON A WHIM.
PLEASE...
SEND US RAIN!
WHOOOSH
THEY'RE NO LONGER THE FEEBLE CREATURES THAT USED TO PRAY FOR RAIN WHENEVER A DROUGHT HIT.

HAHA

BUT THAT OLD DRAGON WAS ALWAYS GROANING ABOUT HIS OLD AGE AND IMMINENT DEATH, ANYWAY.



THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
...AND WE MUST FOLLOW SUIT.

THAT IS WHY...
...THE THEME OF THIS EXAM WILL BE...
...UNDERSTANDING HUMANS AND LIVING IN HARMONY WITH THEM.

DON
HEY, YOU THINK SHE'S DOING THIS ON PURPOSE?

JUST TO MESS WITH US?
HARMONY AND UNDERSTANDING? I CAN DEVOUR A HUNDRED HUMAN BEINGS RIGHT NOW, AND I'D STILL BE FURIOUS.
WHY DO I HAVE TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND THOSE WHO MADE ME FAIL?

DOESN'T SHE KNOW
WE HATE HUMANS?
WHY WOULD SHE DO THIS?
SNIFFLE
SHE'S AWFUL...

ARRGH
UGH
GRAAHHH

WAIT A MINUTE...
LET'S THINK ABOUT THE THEME FOR A SEC.
WE TECHNICALLY

DON'T NEED TO BE FRIENDS WITH THEM. ALL WE NEED TO DO IS UNDERSTAND HOW THEY THINK, RIGHT?
!
!
SO HOW ABOUT WE EACH GET OUR HANDS ON A HUMAN AND LEARN EVERYTHING THAT MIGHT TURN UP ON THE EXAM?

WE'LL FIND THE HUMANS THAT WRONGED US...
...AND HAVE THEM PAY FOR THEIR SINS NOW.

YOU KNOW, I NEVER REALIZED YOU WERE THIS SMART.
HE HEH
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A TRICKY LITTLE RASCAL.

BUT WHY ARE YOU TELLING US THIS?
WE'RE COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?
YOU KNOW,

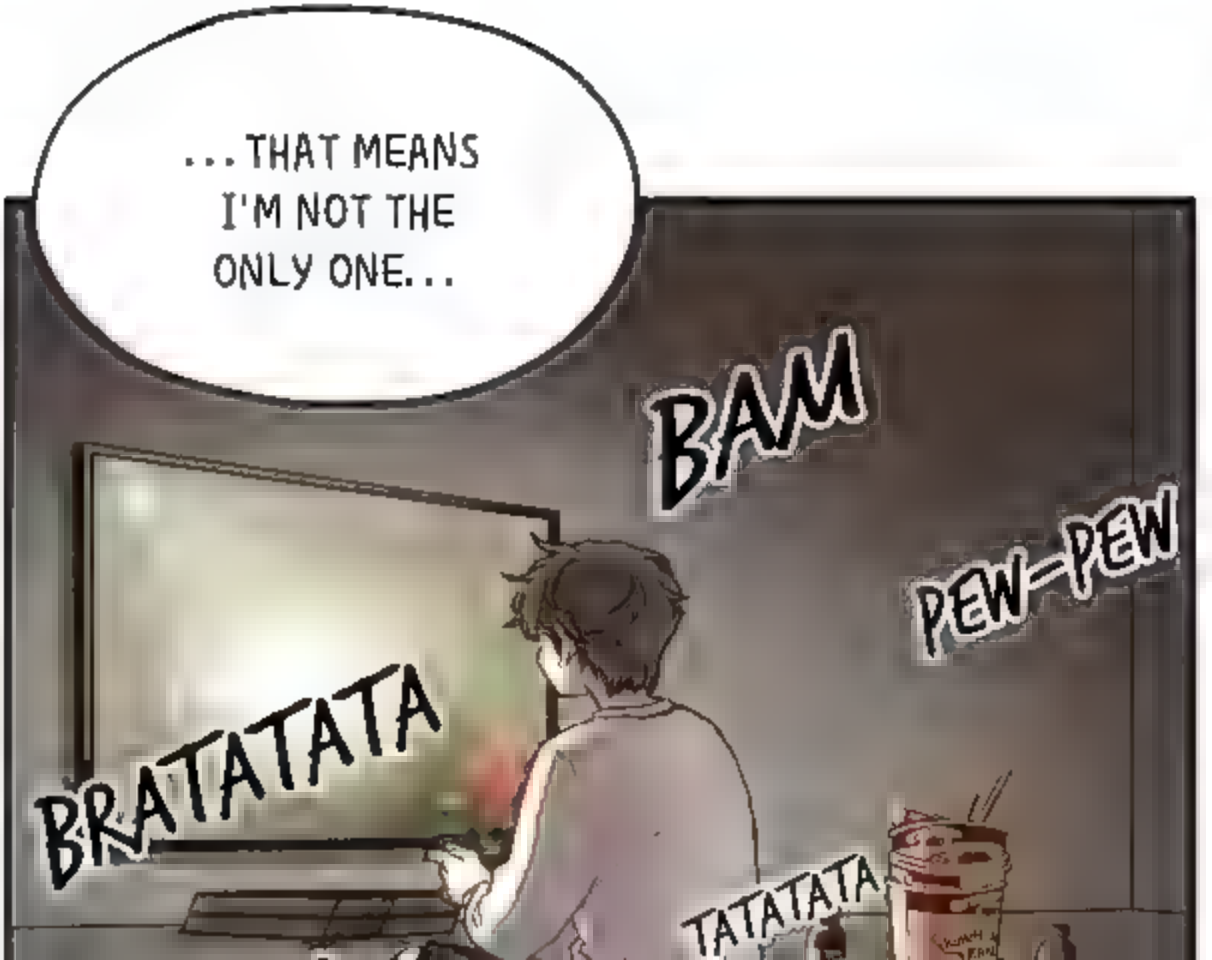
ALL OF THE IMOOGI IN JOSEON WILL BE TAKING THIS EXAM. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE A USEFUL TIP WITH MY FRIENDS.
I WANT THIS COMPETITION BETWEEN US TO BE FAIR AND SQUARE.
TOUCHED
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD FRIEND...

A FAIR CONTEST WITH MY BEST BUDS!
SPIT
HRRRK
PTOOIE
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST!

WELL, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS, THOUGH...
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
COME EAT YOUR RAMEN.

THE SUBJECT IS VERY BROAD...
...BUT IT'S NOT TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR.
SMELLS SO GOOD
THAT SAID...

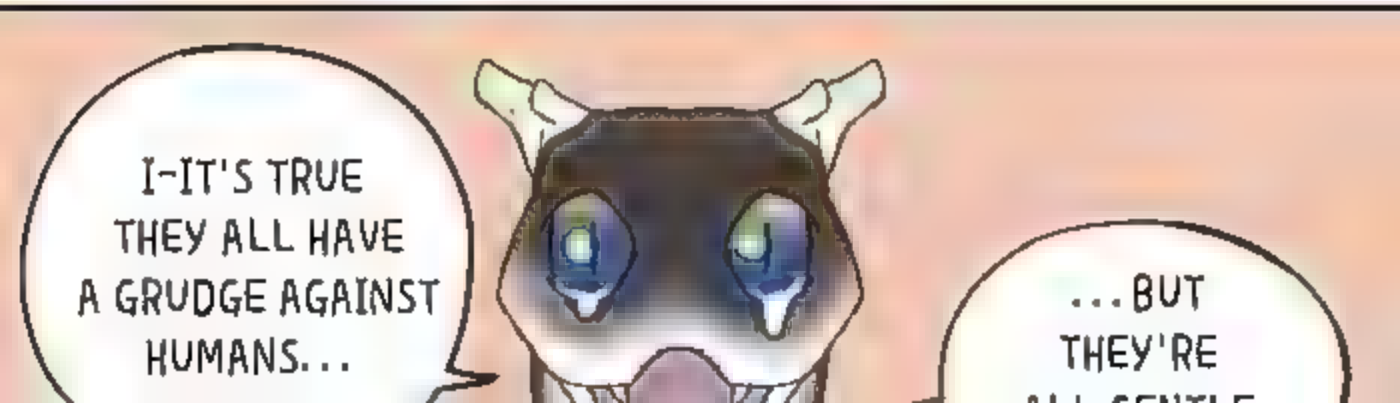
...IF YOU ALL WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR THOSE WHO WRONGED YOU...



...WHO'S GOING THROUGH THIS RIDICULOUS SITUATION.

DUN-
DUN-
DUUN

WAIT, HOLD ON.
YOUR FRIENDS AREN'T GONNA...
...THREATEN PEOPLE OUT OF NOWHERE LIKE YOU DID, ARE THEY?
THREATENING INNOCENT CIVILIANS...


I-IT'S TRUE THEY ALL HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST HUMANS...
...BUT THEY'RE

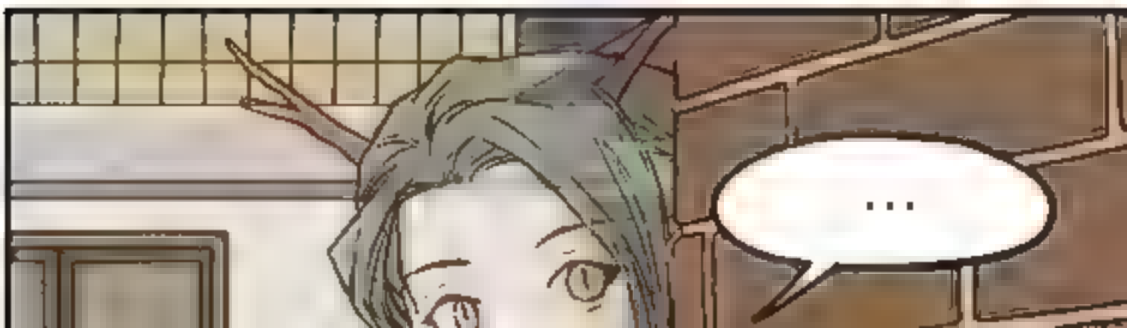
ALL GENTLE FOLK.

HE MAY HARBOR A DEEP GRUDGE IN HIS HEART. . .

CHOMP

...BUT HE'D NEVER HURT SOMEONE HE'S NEVER MET BEFORE!

MY OTHER FRIEND...
...IS A BIT ON THE SLY SIDE.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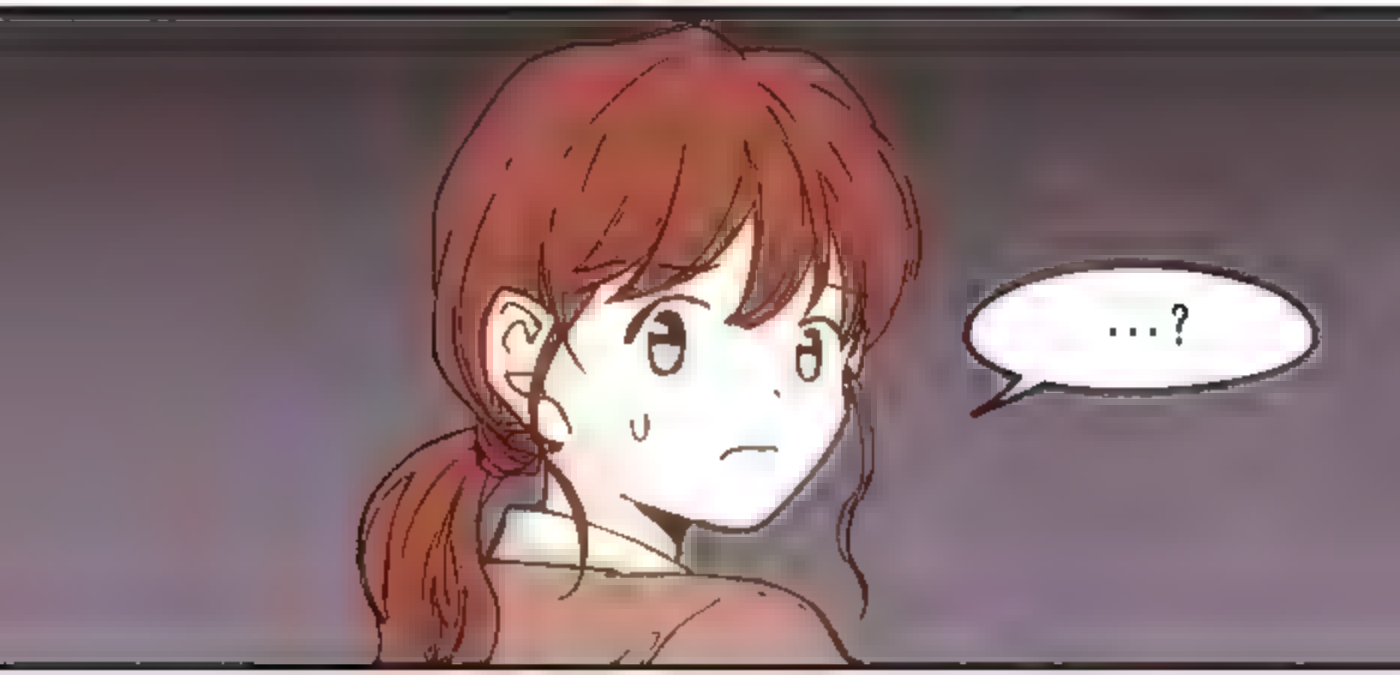
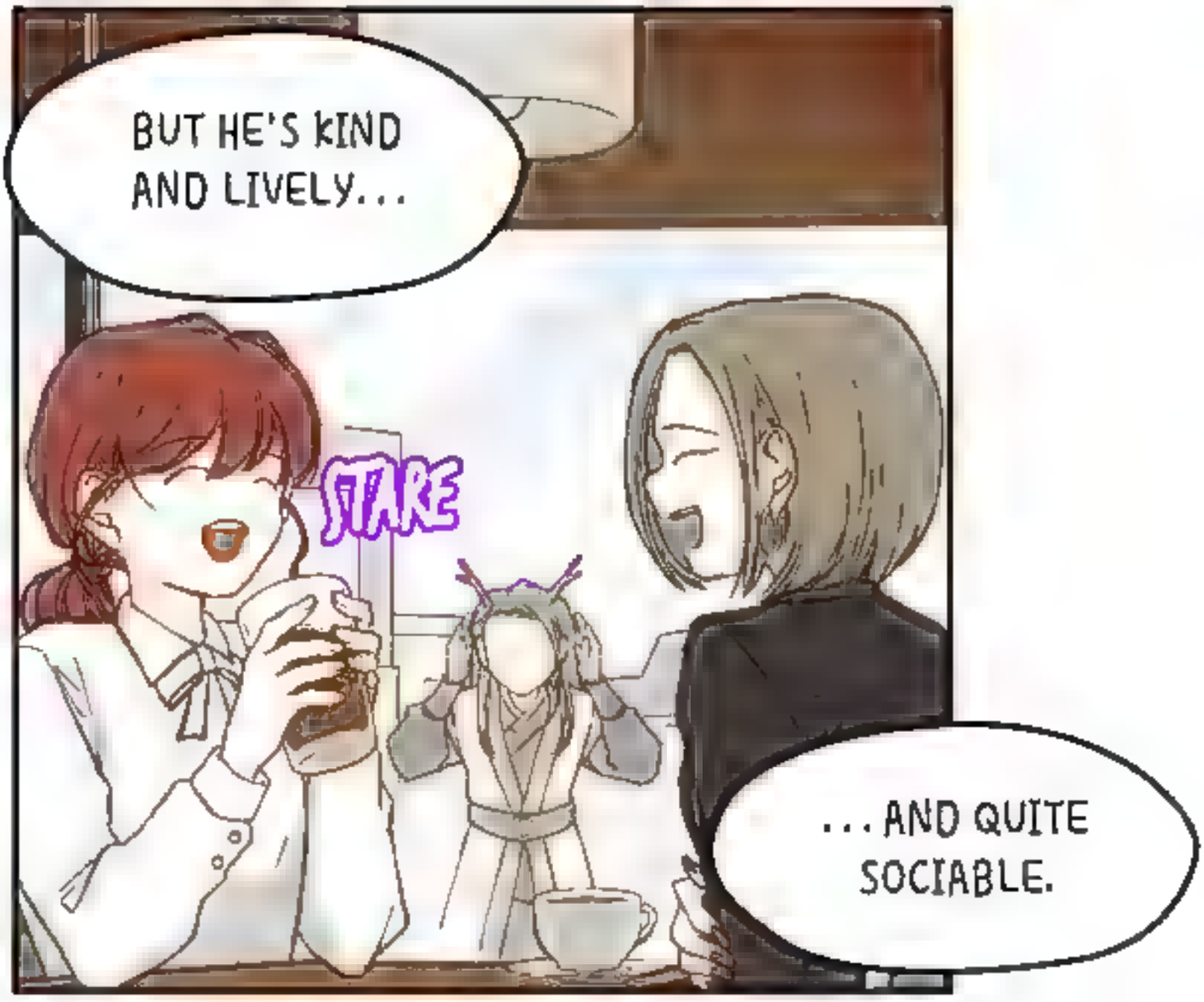
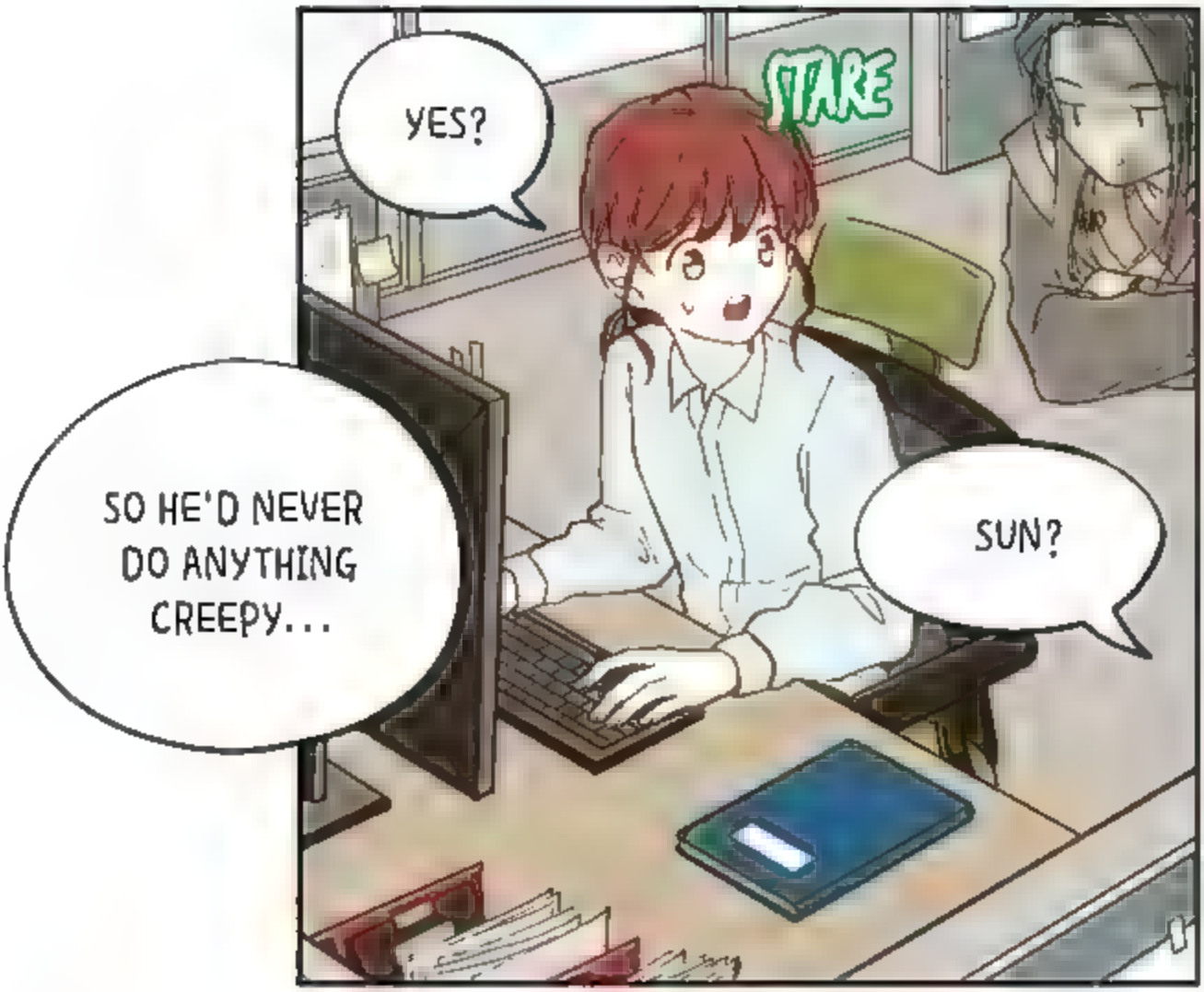
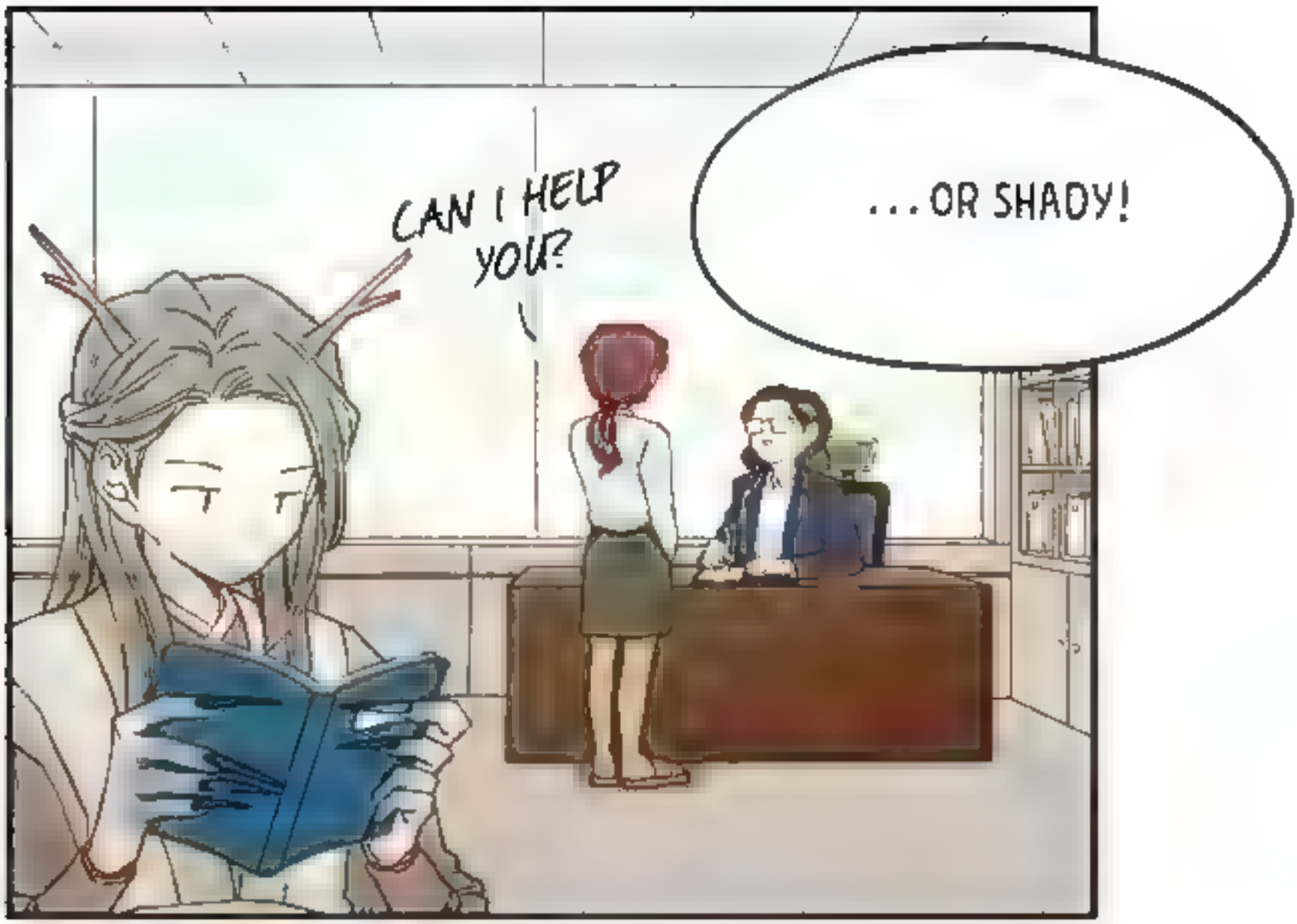
WHISH




BUT HE'S KIND AND LIVELY...
STARE
...AND QUITE SOCIABLE.


YES?
STARE
SUN?
SO HE'D NEVER DO ANYTHING CREEPY...


CAN I HELP YOU?
...OR SHADY!

...
WOOOW.
YOUR FRIENDS SOUND LIKE GREAT GUYS.
UNLIKE SOMEONE I KNOW.
MADE THREATS WHEN THEY FIRST MET
FLINCH
STALKED

STALKED HIM LIKE A CREEP

WE'RE HOSTAGES TO OUR OWN KARMA AS WELL.
EVEN THE KINDEST OF SOULS CANNOT BE FREE FROM RESENTMENT WHEN A THOUSAND YEARS OF HARD WORK HAS BEEN REDUCED TO NOTHING.

ARE YOU SAYING YOU ALL HOLD THE SAME GRUDGE?
ALL THREE OF YOU, AGAINST THREE DIFFERENT PEOPLE?
HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?

IT WAS A SLIP OF THE TONGUE. WE ALL TALKED TOO MUCH.
SLIP OF THE TONGUE?

AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS OF TRAINING, WE IMOOGI ASCEND INTO THE SKY TO BECOME DRAGONS.

EVEN IF A HUMAN BEING COMES ACROSS THAT SCENE, WE CAN STILL BECOME DRAGONS IF THEY STAY QUIET OR REFER TO US AS A DRAGON.

HOWEVER, IF THAT PERSON HAPPENS TO SAY...
..."A SNAKE!"

THEN WE FALL STRAIGHT BACK ONTO THE GROUND...

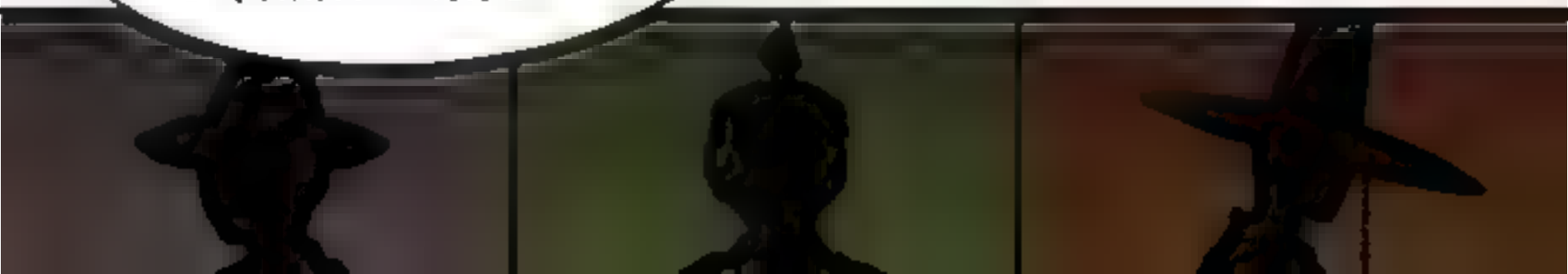
...AND TURN INTO IMOOGI--A CREATURE THAT IS NEITHER DRAGON NOR SNAKE.

WAIT, IF IT WAS THAT IMPORTANT, THEN YOU ALL SHOULD'VE DONE YOUR THING SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE WEREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE!

I WOULD'VE YELLED "SNAKE!" FROM THE SHEER SHOCK, TOO!

BUT THE MOUNTAIN WE TRAIN IN IS A SACRED PLACE WHERE HUMANS ARE FORBIDDEN TO SET FOOT ON!

SO WE ALL WENT OUR OWN SEPARATE WAYS...



HUON PARK, A DESCENDANT OF PARK

YOUNG YOO, A DESCENDANT OF MR. KIM

SUN JEONG, A DESCENDANT OF JEONG

...AND WENT TO LOOK FOR OUR DESCENDANTS.

GRAB

...

HOLD ON.

CAN'T YOU TELL ONE OF THESE ISN'T LIKE THE OTHERS?
HMM?
OH, MR. KIM IS

THE ONLY PEASANT HERE.

NO, NOT THAT! CAN'T YOU READ?
SUN JEONG, A DESCENDANT OF JEONG
YOUNG YOO, A DESCENDANT OF MR. KIM
HUON PARK, A DESCENDANT OF PARK
ON THE LEFT, WE HAVE THE SURNAME "PARK", AND ON THE RIGHT WE HAVE "JEONG"!

AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE HERE...
...IS YOUR NEMESIS AND MY SUPPOSED ANCESTOR, MR. KIM.

WHY IS HIS SURNAME KIM?
MINE IS YOO.
HUON PARK, A DESCENDANT OF PARK
YOUNG YOO, A DESCENDANT OF MR. KIM
SUN JEONG, A DESCENDANT OF JEONG

IF THIS IS MY ANCESTOR, WHY IS MY LAST NAME DIFFERENT FROM HIS?
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

ARE YOU SURE YOU
GOT THE RIGHT PERSON?